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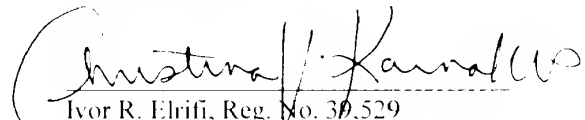
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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
- ☒ Modified Form 1449/PTO (1 page), in duplicate;
- ☒ Copies of cited references A2, B1-B2, and C37-39; and
- ☒ Return postcard.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed below and on the attached modified Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) in the above-identified application, copies of which are submitted herewith. Applicants also submit a copy of an English language abstract of German Patent No. DE 196 51 992 A1 (Reference B2). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

U.S. Patent Documents:

A2 US 5,968,546 Baur, Marcus 05/15/98

Foreign Patent Documents:

B1 DE 196 51 992 A1 Toloczyki, Christian 06/25/98
B2 WO 93/08776 Culture Technology 05/13/93

Other Prior Art – Non Patent Literature Documents:

C37 International Search Report, issued 02/22/01
C38 Lenoir-Viale, M.C. *et al.*, Archives of Dermatological Research, 285(4): 197-207 (1993).
C39 Limat, Alain *et al.*, J. of Inv. Derm., 107(1) 128-135 (1996).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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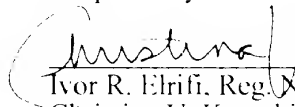
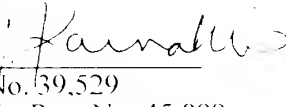
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A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and signs the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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